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**Title: Method and Apparatus for Labeling Using Diffraction Grating-based
Encoded Optical Identification Elements**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: